

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Marc BELLOTTI et al.)
Serial No. Not yet assigned) Art Unit: Not yet assigned
Filed: Herewith) Examiner: Not yet assigned
For: Methods and Apparatus for Creating)
Particle Derivatives of HDL with)
Reduced Lipid Content)

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL (37 CFR § 1.102)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I, John K. McDonald, Ph.D., am an attorney for the applicants in the above-identified application, and I hereby state the following:

1. The invention disclosed in the above-identified application is directed to compositions and methods which are useful in the treatment of atherosclerosis. The present invention provides modified high density lipoprotein particles with reduced cholesterol content, methods of making these particles and methods of using them to treat or ameliorate the onset of atherosclerosis and vascular disease.

2. Pre-examination searches have been conducted.

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3. An information disclosure statement is concurrently filed together with a copy of each reference.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.102 (d) that the above-identified application be made special on the basis that the application contains compositions useful for treatment of atherosclerosis.

A check in the amount of \$130.00 is attached for the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (h). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-0855. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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